

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
26TH OCTOBER 2011 IN THE ELDERS, ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT PRESTON, AT
6.30 p.m.

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Members Present:

Cllrs Webster, Wallace, Crossley and Liversidge. Also present were parishioners Mr and Mrs Mellor and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bath and Tetley.

2. Open Session:

Mr and Mrs Mellor, who live in Queens Court, were in attendance to discuss the possibility of planning permission being given for a permanent static caravan site off Ninevah Lane, Allerton Bywater.

It appears that a resident who lives in a caravan on land has applied for hard standing for his own caravan and for other static caravans.

Mr and Mrs Mellor expressed their concerns regarding this matter in view of the land being a Greenfields site.

Parish Council agreed to look into this.

At this point it was agreed to discuss Bowers Row Postal Address. Cllr Wallace has made various enquiries and has been informed that signatures of all residents would be required before adding Bowers Row to Queens Court could be considered. He had spoken to a couple of residents, who would not be prepared to give their signature to such a request, Mr and Mrs Mellor stated that they would not be prepared to sign.

Regarding the pre-fabs on Queen Street, the same would apply, Cllr Wallace is following this up.

Mr and Mrs Mellor left the meeting at this point and were thanked for their attendance.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes:

3x4.2 Hedge on Fleakingley Lane – nothing to report.

5x4.2 Electronic Signs – nothing to report.

Cricket Ground – possibly to open at the beginning of November. Job advertisements have been placed on Notice Boards.

Infant School – land at the back of the School has now been cleared by contractor working for Mr Mueller and it looks much better.

33x4.14 Glencoe Estate – Playground, Cllr Wallace has inspected the area, removed broken glass and rubbish. He feels that the step down into the playground does not seem excessively high.

29x4.2 Parking outside the Primary School – many complaints have been received from residents of Hirst Street re. parking of parents vehicles outside their houses. The Head teacher has locked the back entrance to the school from Hirst Street to prevent it being used as a short-cut by them.

16x4.2 Dangerous footpaths and overhanging trees at Fleakingley Lane at the Little Preston end – Cllr Webster has inspected the site again and stated that 1 or 2 large boughs are overhanging the path. He will contact LCC Parks and Countryside.

9x4. Signs and footpaths on the Lines – Cllr Wallace stated that the signs need cleaning and wood preserver painting on them.

6x4.14 Complaints about rats – letter being sent.

Daytime fires at the Allotments – nothing to report. Agreed to leave this item off Agenda until further notice.

3x4.14 Public footpaths on Whitehouse Lane – Clerk had contacted Charles Hirst, work will be done when he can.

2x4.13 Field owned by LCC behind the Primary School and adjacent to Parish field – nothing to report. Agreed to leave off Agenda until further notice.

4.13 Standard of Arriva Coaches – nothing to report.

14 Bowers Row name for housing at Queens Court – Cllr Wallace has been in contact with LCC and Royal Mail who are not in agreement with changing the name. Residents of Queens Court do not want Bowers Row adding to their address.

Residents of the prefabs do want the name change and will have Great Preston added instead of Woodlesford.

New signs have been created – at Queen Street, opposite Wood Lane entrance the sign on the right says Astley Lane and on the left says Queen Street, Bowers Row.

A new sign is to be erected at the boundary of Queen Street and Leeds Road.

Bowers Row Mission now has a Post Code Address, which is LS26 8DF.

Re.the new housing development – Cllr Wallace has been in contact with the company and it is hoped that Bowers Row will be used when creating street names for the new estate.

5. Village Hall:

The meeting discussed the damage which recently occurred to the Village Hall roof and it was noted that the contractor will ascertain the cause of the damage and provide a report for any appropriate Insurance claim.

A small lawn mower, owned by Mr Winn, used on the grassed area beyond the car park, has burned out.

The petrol mower cannot be used for this as there are still a number of rocks under the grass.

6. Environment:

a. Villages in Bloom – nothing to report.

b. Peasecroft Wood – nothing to report.

c. St Aidans Playground – Cllr Wallace has inspected the site and found a stanson (pipe with flat plate on top) where the waste bin had been pulled off, is sticking up and is dangerous. Cllrs Webster and Wallace to deal with this.

Cllr Wallace also stated that two baby swings are damaged. LCC to be contacted.

d. Litter – fridge dumped on Goody Cross Lane – this has been reported.

Dog fouling - It was reported that at the Little Preston end of Fleakingley Lane, dog walkers have been hanging used dog foul bags in the hedges. Cllr Webster has informed LCC and is awaiting response.

7. Traffic:

Nothing to report.

8.Planning:

There were no plans to discuss.

9. Finance:

a. Clerks Salary for October and expenses from 29th September until 28th October 2011.

Salary	160.00		
Photocopying, stat. etc.	5.99	vat.	1.20
Telephone calls	0.90		0.18
Postage stamps	0.41		
Travel expenses	1.54		
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	168.84		1.38
Plus Vat	1.38		

Total £170.22 Agreed to pay.

b. Mazars – external audit fee £155 plus £31 vat. Total £186.00 Agreed to pay.

c. LCC Christmas Lights, rental and maintenance of motifs etc. £680.00 plus £136.00 vat, total £816. Cllr Dobson to be contacted as he had agreed to pay half of the cost from Mice Money.

d. YEDL, Wayleave payment received £8.24

10. Newsletter:

This item to be put in abeyance.

11. Remembrance Day Service:

This will take place on Sunday 13th November, meet at Village Hall at 1.45 p.m. service at 2.00 p.m. Refreshments afterwards in the Hall.

Posters needed, Cllr Liversidge will supply them.

12. Correspondence:

a. HSBC Business Money Manager A/C Statement.

b. HSBC Community A/C Statement.

c. LCC, Poster re. citizen's panel.

d. LCC request for Register of Electors.

e. CPRE Newsletter.

f. YLCA, White Rose Update, Advice note 29 – The Bribery Act 2010.

g. Rural Action Yorkshire, Annual review and AGM 29th October, minutes of meeting held 12.1.11, Annual report and Accounts 2010/11.

h. St Gemma's Hospice, letter plus notices re. 'light up a life'

j. LCC Highways, maintenance programme 2012/13.

k. The Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacon – guide to taking part.

13. Reports of Meetings:

Already discussed.

14. Any other Business:

Diamond Jubilee – Cllr Crossley stated that she had been approached by Cllr Ann Murphy of Swillington Parish Council re any ideas Great Preston Parish Council has to celebrate the event.

Cllr Wallace requested that Section 106 should be on the next Agenda.

As there was no further business to discuss, acting Chair closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

Chair..... Date.....